

GPS SATELLITE - 101

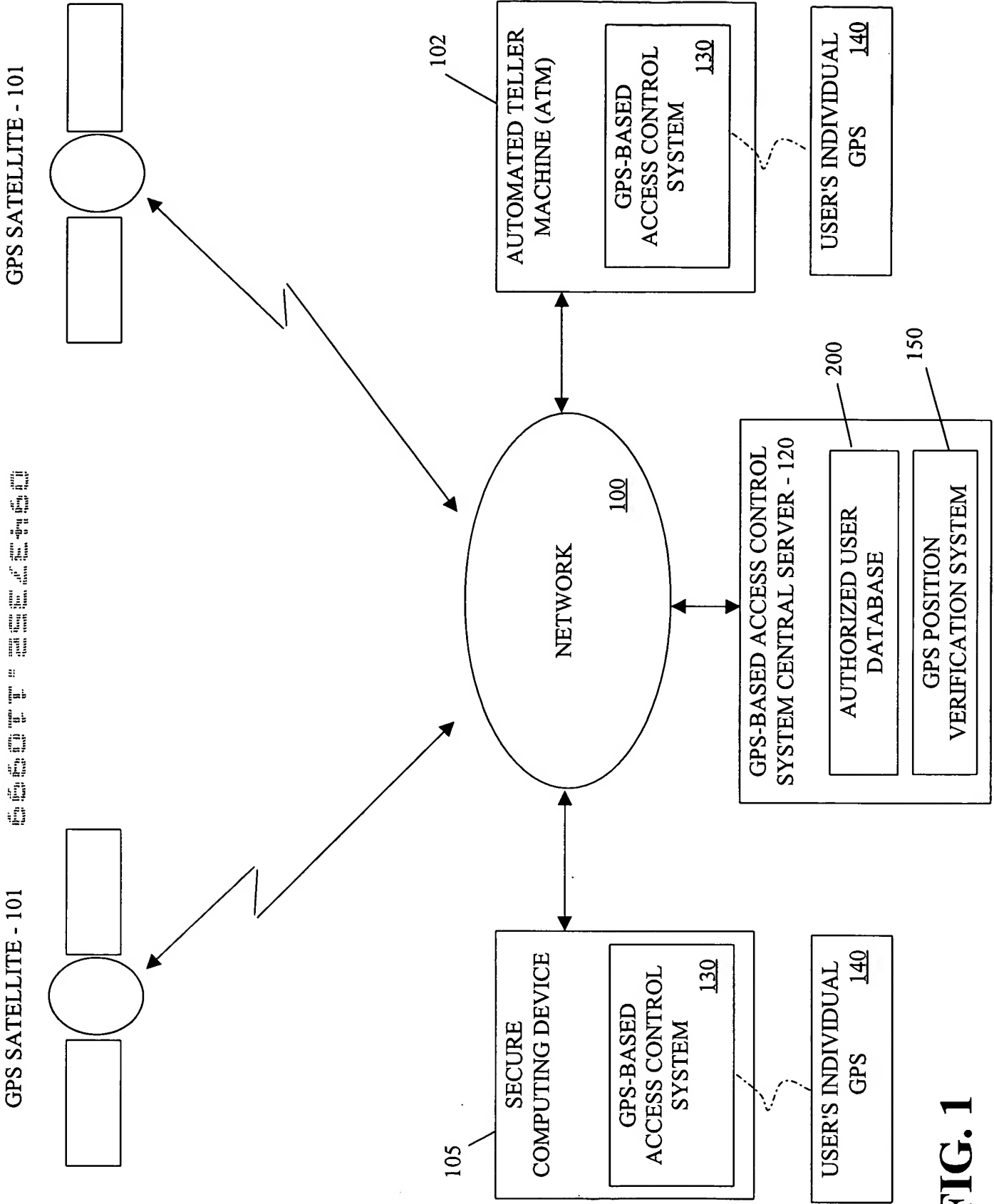


FIG. 1

AUTHORIZED USER DATABASE -- 200

	USER 240	PASSWORD 245	GPS IDENTIFIER 250
205			
210			
215			
220			

FIG. 2

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of the authorized user database 200. The database 200 is organized as a table with four columns: USER (240), PASSWORD (245), and GPS IDENTIFIER (250). The table contains four rows of data, labeled 205, 210, 215, and 220. Each row represents a user entry with associated password and GPS identifier information.

GPS-BASED ACCESS
CONTROL PROCESS --
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USER ENTERS PASSWORD TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO
A DEVICE

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ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM 130 ASSOCIATED
WITH DEVICE 102, 105 SENDS PASSWORD TO
CENTRAL SERVER 120

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CENTRAL SERVER 120 USES PASSWORD TO
ACCESS USER DATABASE 200 TO RETRIEVE USER
NAME AND GPS IDENTIFIER, IF ANY

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NO

IS THERE A GPS IDENTIFIED
FOR THIS USER?

340

YES

REJECT ACCESS
OR PROVIDE
OTHER
VERIFICATION
MEANS

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SEND REQUEST TO
CENTRAL GPS SYSTEM TO
OBTAIN LOCATION OF
IDENTIFIED GPS
ASSOCIATED WITH
AUTHORIZED USER

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OBTAIN LOCATION OF
GPS ASSOCIATED WITH
AUTHORIZED USER

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OBTAIN LOCATION OF
DEVICE FOR WHICH
ACCESS IS REQUESTED

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YES

DO POSITIONS COINCIDE?

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NO

PERMIT
ACCESS

390

DENY
ACCESS

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FIG. 3